

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

[Docket No. 40-8681]

International Uranium (USA) Corp.; Notice of Receipt of License Amendment Application; Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has received an application, by letter dated March 3, 1998, from International Uranium (USA) Corporation (IUSA) to amend NRC Source Material License No. SUA-1358. By this submittal, IUSA is requesting NRC approval for a performance-based license condition (PBLC) regarding the acceptance of alternate feed materials for processing at its White Mesa Uranium Mill, located near Blanding, Utah.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James R. Park, Uranium Recovery Branch, Mail Stop TWFN 7-J8, Division of Waste Management, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C. 20555. Telephone 301/415-6699.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 15, 1995, the NRC published in the **Federal Register** staff guidance entitled, "Final Position and Guidance on the Use of Uranium Mill Feed Material Other Than Natural Ores" (60 FR 49296). Under this guidance, NRC-licensed uranium or thorium mills may process "* * * natural or native matter that may be mined and treated for the extraction of any of its constituents or any other matter from which source material is extracted * * *" subject to NRC approval. By this amendment application, IUSA is requesting that it be allowed to accept alternate feed materials for processing at the White Mesa mill, subject to operating procedures approved by the NRC, without having to seek NRC approval on a case-by-case basis.

The inspection role of the NRC would remain unchanged with the administration of a PBLC. Operational changes, regulatory commitments, and record keeping requirements implemented by IUSA through a PBLC are subject to NRC inspection and enforcement actions, if appropriate.

In the past, the NRC has granted approval to IUSA for the processing of alternate feed materials on several occasions. The two most recent approvals concerned the Cotter Concentrate materials, formerly stored

on the Nevada Test Site (Amendment 1 to SUA-1358; April 2, 1997), and uranium-bearing materials received from Cabot Corporation's facility near Boyerstown, Pennsylvania (Amendment 4 to SUA-1358; August 15, 1997).

IUSA's application to amend Source Material License No. SUA-1358, which describes the proposed change and the reasons for the request, is available for public inspection and copying at the NRC Public Document Room, in the Gelman Building, 2120 L Street N.W., Washington, DC 20555.

Notice of Opportunity for Hearing

The Commission hereby provides notice that this is a proceeding on an application for a licensing action falling within the scope of subpart L, "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operators Licensing Proceedings," of the Commission's Rules of Practice for Domestic Licensing Proceedings and Issuance of Orders in 10 CFR part 2 (54 FR 8269). Pursuant to § 2.1205(a), any person whose interest may be affected by this proceeding may file a request for a hearing. In accordance with § 2.1205(c), a request for a hearing must be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The request for a hearing must be filed with the Office of the Secretary either:

(1) By delivery to the Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff of the Office of the Secretary at One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(2) By mail or telegram addressed to the Secretary, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Rulemakings and Adjudications Staff.

Each request for a hearing must also be served, by delivering it personally or by mail to:

(1) The applicant, International Uranium (USA) Corporation, Independence Plaza, Suite 950, 1050 Seventeenth Street, Denver, CO 80265;

(2) The NRC staff, by delivery to the Executive Director of Operations, One White Flint North, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852; or

(3) By mail addressed to the Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555.

In addition to meeting other applicable requirements of 10 CFR Part 2 of the Commission's regulations, a request for a hearing filed by a person other than an applicant must describe in detail:

(1) The interest of the requestor in the proceeding;

(2) How that interest may be affected by the results of the proceeding, including the reasons why the requestor should be permitted a hearing, with particular reference to the factors set out in § 2.1205(g);

(3) the requestor's areas of concern about the licensing activity that is the subject matter of the proceeding; and

(4) The circumstances establishing that the request for a hearing is timely in accordance with § 2.1205(c).

Any hearing that is requested and granted will be held in accordance with the Commission's "Informal Hearing Procedures for Adjudications in Materials and Operator Licensing Proceedings" in 10 CFR part 2, subpart L.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 7th day of April 1998.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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Proposed Generic Communication; Augmented Inspection of Pressurized- Water Reactor Class 1 High Pressure Safety Injection Piping (TAC NO. M99226)

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 30, 1998, (63 FR 15233) the NRC published for public comment a proposed generic letter concerning the identification of a discrepancy in the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Code inspection requirements regarding the inservice inspection of those portions of the high-pressure safety injection system piping designated as Code Class 1 with nominal pipe sizes between 4 inches and 1½ inches, inclusive, and the need for addressees to maintain the integrity of this reactor coolant pressure boundary piping in accordance with the provisions of their current facility licensing bases and report to the NRC their previous actions for verifying the integrity of the subject piping and their plans regarding future inspections. The comment period for this proposed generic letter was originally scheduled to expire on April 29, 1998. In a letter dated March 31, 1998, the Nuclear Energy Institute requested a 30-day